

# PART V: THE GREAT TRANSFORMATION 1948- present

## ***FIFTY-NINE: THE BIRTH OF ISRAEL***

Some Christians would say that one of the most exciting events in all modern history is the episode involving God's promises to the nation Israel. In 1948, the Gentile domination of the Promised Land begins its end as Israel raises the *Star of David* over the land that shall one day see the *Seed of David* enthroned.

None of this is attributable to the Vatican. Theodore Herzl, father of the modern Zionist movement in the late 19th century, is granted a 30-minute interview with the reigning Pope, and asks him for both money and spiritual support. He is flatly turned down.

To the Roman way of thinking, Jewish occupation of Jewish territory is anathema. You will remember the Crusades, the attempt of Rome to free the Holy Land, not for its original residents, but for *itself*. You will recall also that here God intervened and simply said to Rome, "No! This is Mine." The land was to be preserved for that special moment when God would call to Israelis all over the world to people their ancient possession.

The Romanists see only the political ramifications of all of this and begin to hurt for Moslems, who already control all the Middle East. Of course, Rome is in pain for its own unmet needs, too. Thus the Vatican uses diplomatic pressure in the late 40's to turn the U.N. Assembly against Zionism, in favor of "internationalizing" Jerusalem. Further, it works closely with Moslems to meet their ends. (Blanshard, op. cit., p. 265) It is not until January of 1994 that Israel and Vatican City form ties.

Anti-Semitic is one thing. Anti- *Israel* is the **same thing**, magnified. Only recently has the Vatican finally corrected, at least outwardly, *hundreds* of years of abuse to the Jew.

## ***SIXTY: PROTESTANTI NO!***

Anti-Jew, anti-Protestant threads run side by side, of course. In 1949, P. Vittorio Genovesi of Pompeii, Italy, publishes *Protestanti No!*, a document which plays the anti-Protestant blues eloquently. I bring it in as an additional evidence of **twentieth-century** Romanism's connection with **sixteenth-century** Romanism. Just in case you have any doubt about the connection.

Genovesi, approved by Rome, says Protestants are

"disgraceful apostates of the sanctuary, in whom there is not a shadow of good faith. The heads of Protestantism were true and real criminals worthy of jail. Their principles are immoral and bring about anarchy."

Spoken not too very long ago. Is Babylon going to change? It's getting uncomfortably close to the present, when most Protestants dare not say a word about Romanism. Let's watch carefully now, lest we miss whatever it is that has so radically silenced a people known for their eloquence and -some would add - their verbosity: the Protestant preachers.

The most outspoken of them all is the one we today call Dr. William Franklin Graham. Just "Billy" in those days. "Billy" is quoted as saying that the "three gravest menaces faced by orthodox Christianity are Communism, Roman Catholicism, and Mohammedanism."

That was 1948. Billy Graham, champion of truth, carrier on of the line that starts with Christ, is passed on to His apostles, then the smaller and smaller group of believers through the Middle Ages, the Reformers, the Wesleys, Ironside, Halley, Hislop, and many others...but change is in the wind. More later.

### ***SIXTY-ONE: POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE, ROMAN STYLE***

It is now the "Holy Year," 1950. Pope Pius is on the Throne, taking the worship of all his subjects. Blanshard says,

"...every major celebration was systematically organized to demonstrate the homage of Catholics to Pius XII. His every appearance in a gorgeous processional was the signal for wild cheers of adulation. Thousands of pilgrims knelt in reverence before his bejeweled figure...he was borne into the middle of every celebration seated on his portable throne..."

Hislop (op. cit., p. 213) writes of another such Roman celebration:

"The drums were heard beating without. The guns of the soldiers rung on the stone pavement of the house of God...how unlike the suitable preparation to receive a minister of the meek and lowly Jesus! Now, moving slowly up between the two armed lines of soldiers, appeared a long procession of ecclesiastics, bishops, canons, and cardinals, preceding the Roman Pontiff, who was borne on a gilded chair, clad in vestments resplendent as the sun. His bearers were 12 men clad in crimson, being immediately preceded by several persons carrying a cross, his mitre, his triple crown, and other insignia of his office, along on the shoulders of men, amid the gaping crowds. His head was shaded or canopied by two immense fans, made of peacocks' feathers, which were borne by two attendants..."

Blanshard tells of the first "saint" he saw "canonized" (officially placed on the Roman roll of sainthood).

"Canonization is a ceremony of magnificent solemnity...the Basilica of St. Peter's has, for many centuries, been destined for solemn canonizations...It is a very ancient custom to decorate the Basilica with great splendor on such occasions...banners, candelabra, Latin inscriptions, huge paintings...depicting the approved miracles, and finally the picture of the

new saint...in front of the altar of the Chair of St. Peter, the Papal Throne is erected on an elevated platform and alongside it are arranged the stalls for Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, Prelates, and dignitaries who take part in Papal functions...the frontal for the Papal altar (is) richly embroidered in gold...on the facade of the Basilica are placed inscriptions and a large canvas representing the new saint in glory...the Cardinals all wear white damask mitres and their train bearers are vested in crocchia, cotta, and vimpa...the Pontifical Jeweller, who has charge of the Pope's tiaras and mitres, wears a silk cloak, and a sword. (Two extra papal tiaras are carried in the procession, in addition to the one on the Pope's head.)

"The Pope, wearing the mitre, sits...and receives from the Cardinal Procurator...two large painted candles...the canopy is spread over the Pope's head...behind his seat the large fans are carried...(then forms) the Pope's guard of honor. The noble and Swiss Guards, clad in full ceremonial costume, bring up the rear of the magnificent procession (which takes about thirty minutes to pass).

"On arriving at the doors of the Basilica the Pope is received by the Chapter of St. Peter's, while the choir sings..."Tu es Petrus..."["You are Peter..."]. When the Pope has entered the Basilica, a triumphal march is played on the silver trumpets...

"Immediately the ceremony of the 'obediences' commences: the Cardinals approach and kiss the Pope's hand; the Patriarchs, Archbishops and Bishops kiss the cross of the stole placed on the knees of His Holiness, while abbots, Abbots General, and the Penitentiaries kiss his foot...

"...arrived at the foot of the Throne, the Advocate Procurator kneels and addresses the following words to His Holiness:

" ' Most Holy Father, the Most Reverend Cardinal, here present, earnestly begs your Holiness to inscribe the Blessed Maria Guglielma Emilia De Rodat in the catalogue of the Saints of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to ordain that she be venerated as a Saint by all the Christian faithful.'

"The Prelate Secretary of the Briefs...replies in Latin that the Holy Father is very much edified by the virtues of the Blessed, and by the miracles with which Our Lord has made their glory resplendent, but before making any decision in a matter of such grave importance, he exhorts the faithful to assist him in imploring the Divine assistance by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul and of all the Heavenly Court...

"(then the) proclamation: 'In honor of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith and the increase of the Christian religion, by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and by Our Own; after mature deliberation, ever imploring the Divine assistance, by the advice of our Venerable Brethren the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, the Patriarchs, Archbishops, and Bishops present in the Eternal City, We decree and define as a saint, and We inscribe in the

catalogue of Saints the Blessed Maria Guglielma Emilia De Rodat, ordaining that her memory be celebrated with devotion every year in the Universal Church."

More Pope-kissing, Latin-singing, bell-ringing, and another saint is in Heaven. I like Blanshard's comment:

"It is scarcely necessary to point out that this ritual of display has nothing more to do with original Christianity than the worship of Stalin has to do with original socialism. There is not only no support in Christian tradition for such a use of Christianity, but all the weight of original Christian testimony is against such proceedings. In fact, it would be difficult to discover in all of history any person whose life-record and personal habits conflicted more openly with ecclesiastical display and exaggerated ceremonialism than Jesus of Nazareth."

Yes, let us look at Jesus. The most spectacular thing He did while on this planet was sit on a donkey and ride into town. And He is God. God, the Son. The Son of God. So who is this foul pretender to the Throne of God but an antichrist, a false prophet, a deceiver of men. Oh the heart pains at the thought of what claims these mere men make!

Popes have been told at their **coronation**, "Thou art father of princes and kings, ruler of the world, vicar of Christ." I say, **BLASPHEMY**, because I cannot think of a stronger word that is fit to print.

Have I lost compassion? Have I become negative? Am I being judgmental? As the reader you must decide. But I tell you, the eyes of my heart see an **impostor**, a **charlatan**, bringing untold millions under his sway. What can my tongue do but respond in horror, and in warning? Why, oh **why** are so many other eyes blind and so many other tongues *silent*?

Hear me. In this present age, only **one** has been given a worldly Kingdom. At least that is what this **one** told Christ, and that is what Christ said of **him** to his disciples. Seeing the shape of the world from Eden until now, *we can believe it!* His name is **Satan, Lucifer**. And all who will reign over the kings of the earth in *this* day must reign under **his** banner. You expose yourself, Woman of Babylon. You are naked before God and before the people who *know* their God. Your ways are the ways of the Arch-deceiver, the Prince of the Power of the Air, the King of the Present Kingdoms of this world. Only later (*and soon, we believe*) will all the Kingdoms of this world become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

Ah, but this is the 90's, not the 50's, and *definitely* not the Middle Ages. Things are different now. Not so much pomp. No coronations. Indeed true, but mainly because public *outrage* at such ostentation finally made cooler heads in the Vatican prevail. Look for it to re-appear whenever people will allow it. Babylon *is* Babylon!

The reader of cold print, no matter how warm the heart of the author, can be tempted to hate, hearing such testimony. I remember when I first penned these things, having only a heart filled with love, eyes filled with tears. Oh, consider the plight of those

masses of people who have loved and believed lies. May we all be prostrate before God that some will be saved. Catch the warmth of this glow before we go on. You surely must know now that this book will not have a happy ending. I am not telling God's story, or ours. I am telling **hers**.

Oh yes. 1950 is the year that the Church of Rome is told by the aforementioned Pope that it is now a matter of *faith* that they believe Mary was taken up *body and soul* into Heaven. Whence this new revelation? We are often given the explanation "the piety of the people." That is, the people believed this story, and increasing pressure is mounted by them for such a thing to become official doctrine. I call this democratic revelation.

But God is more severe. He who adds to Gods words is accursed.

One last look at Mary, in Yugoslavia, but not right now.

### **SIXTY-TWO: BISHOP SHEEN**

So we have come to the fabulous 50's, finally a decade I can remember. I'll tell my story in detail later. Right now I recall a certain TV program my partially-Catholic family tuned in to every week. It was called "Life is Worth Living," and it featured a 30-minute *sermon* on prime time (secular) TV! The preacher was the nation's leading Catholic, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. (At his passing a few years back, he had attained Cardinal status.)

I remember that even to a young boy like myself, he was rather interesting. I have heard him since, and have always been impressed. He had some important things to say about morality, this nation, and life itself. Most "good"people would have agreed with him.

But -need I say it? - Bishop Sheen was *very* Catholic, in the pre-Vatican II sense. Here is a representative quote from the Bishop:

"We are living at the end of an era, ushered in by the Protestant revolt 400 years ago- a revolt that denied authority, so that as a result we have been living without God, we have tossed Him out of our world."

He goes on to call World War II a judgment on the way man has lived, and to state that victory will be ours only on the condition that we repent. This was a war-time statement, and was geared to shifting the blame to Protestants for a war encouraged by Papal friendships with men like Mussolini and Hitler. This man and his church continue to make very strong political statements and spiritual condemnations in America.

But the 60's are coming. Finally the change we have been anticipating, yes even the end of the era Sheen predicted, is about to take place?

### **SIXTY-THREE: THE COMMON MARKET**

After World War II, with Hitler and Mussolini crushed, the dream of a Hapsburg-ruled Europe connected to Papa resurrects. Of course it never fully died, but Hitler seemed to be doing the job.

Would-be Emperor Otto, the center of the dream, comes to the United States, where he is joined by top-level American sympathizers, who see in him a way to join with Europe and the Vatican in an all-out fight against the growing Russian threat.

Hungary is chosen as the perfect place for all of this to happen, with its strong party of Monarchists, its solid Roman hierarchy, and especially its top link with Rome,

Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty.

In 1946, a republic is formed. Republics are traditionally not received too well in Rome, since the people have too much freedom to oppose the Pope. As Americans, we might add that this "republic" was built on the Communist model, and therefore had its own inherent dangers. But the alternative?

Mindszenty immediately opposes the new constitution and begins to promote the Royalist cause. He even begins to speak of his legal right to run the country, preparing the way for Emperor Otto. In all these dealings he expects the support of Rome and the USA, where Cardinal Spellman is backing him.

The Hungarian Cardinal travels to the States and meets with Otto in a convent in Chicago. Later the Royal Crown, at that moment with the U.S. military establishment in Germany, is requested to be sent to Rome, so Papa can have the right he believes is his to crown the next ruler of the Holy Roman Empire. Request granted. The U.S. is desperate to have an anti-Communist power in the region. It does not remember its Medieval history.

In the midst of all the scheming, Cardinal Mindszenty is arrested (early 1949). He immediately appeals to America for help. He will need a lot. He has been found guilty of treason, and is sentenced to life imprisonment.

Demonstrations erupt in America and Europe about the persecution of Christianity. Avro Manhattan, who is one of my sources for this information, asks candidly, what if Cardinal *Spellman* had been plotting the overthrow of the U.S. government? What if he advocated that we return to the English monarchy out of which we came, or more realistically, what if he had wanted us all to submit to the Roman See? Is this not the ultimate goal of Rome, absolute spiritual *and* political control of the planet?

Though Mindszenty is replaced by his second in command, Archbishop Josef Grosz, who calls himself "temporary head of state," the Communists prove to be the tougher of the two competing dominions. Grosz is also arrested, and the dream flounders.

In the early 60's the final scenes are acted out, as Otto requests to return to his native Austria, not as Emperor, but as a private citizen. The populace is wild with anticipation. What could it all mean? First he is denied. Then he is allowed. The very non-eventful day comes in 1966, and passes into history unnoted. But the plan for a united Europe is far greater than the Popes and the Hapsburgs. Oh, it *will* happen. Look again. It happens even now!

Many have been the speculations of modern-day Biblical prophecy students regarding the coming "United States of Europe," a power already being felt in the economic world. There is no doubt that an amalgamation of European powers will far eclipse the United States, will change the entire balance of world power, and in the process begin the fulfillment of the "10-toe" imagery of the Prophet Daniel.

The ten toes of the image Daniel saw, flow from the two legs on that same statue, which we have been identifying as the two divisions of the Roman Empire.

Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg, all Rome-dominated countries, lead the way in 1957 by joining their customs union (Benelux) to giants Italy, France, and Germany (also countries with Roman Catholic majorities), in what becomes known as the European Economic Community.

The treaty which makes all of this official is signed in Rome. From the New York Times, March 25, 1957:

"Rome, March 24- Two treaties destined to change the course of history will be signed in Rome tomorrow afternoon..." The article indicates that one of the treaties will create a pool of the six countries for the development and exploitation of nuclear energy, "principally" for peaceful uses.

There is great pomp and ceremony, schools are cancelled, flags are flown on all public buildings. It is quite a big event, but only the beginning. Catholic Spain, Portugal, Austria, and Ireland follow suit. Non-Catholic nations join, but their place in the community continues to be unstable.

To use Scriptural terms, it would seem that the beast is rising out of the sea before our very eyes. I speak of course of the Mediterranean Sea, where he has tried to rise several times before. But recently the Loch Ness Monster has had more attention than this threat to the entire world's security.

Nevertheless, the beast *shall* rise, and on its back will be the same woman that has kept her grip from the days of the Caesars.

#### **SIXTY-FOUR: JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY**

Times and people change. An example of such a person, whose public utterances change about this time is Cardinal Cushing. In 1947, January 14, the Cardinal is quoted thus:

"The extreme development of the idea of separation of church and state is...un-American."

That statement seems confusing, but let me suggest that Rome is consistently **for** the union of **Catholic** Church and State, and sees no other way that church power can be supported. Of course, we who know Christ are aware of the ways He protects His Church, in the midst of the vilest of persecutions. But Rome must have *political* support, or perish.

So did Cushing "see the light" in 1958? In the L.A. Tidings of May 23, he says he has

"never met an ecclesiastical leader who desired union of church and state in this country."

John Kennedy, for whom this statement is a god-send, adds his own assurances to a still-skeptical American public in a "creed" published in 1959:

"Whatever one's religion in his private life may be, for the officeholder, nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution and all its parts - including the First Amendment and the strict separation of church and state...I believe as a senator that the separation of Church and State is fundamental to our American concept and heritage and should remain so. I am flatly opposed to appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. Whatever advantages it might have in Rome - and I'm not convinced of these they would be more than offset by the divisive effect at home. The first Amendment to the Constitution is an infinitely wise one. There can be no

question of Federal funds being used for support of parochial or private schools. It's unconstitutional under the First Amendment as interpreted by the Supreme Court. I'm opposed to the Federal Government's extending support to sustain any church or its schools." (as quoted in Look magazine, March 3, 1959.)

Doeswyck (op. cit., p. 105) says that the Catholic press mildly rebuked Kennedy's "heresies," so as to "toe the line" from Rome's perspective.

But the Kennedy charm, coupled to the Kennedy wealth, plus these assurances, convinces a new American public that all will be fine. Kennedy is elected.

We are led then to believe what we believed about Al Smith in 1927: Either Kennedy is an *ignorant* Catholic or a *bad* Catholic. But Kennedy is not the issue here. In the process of electing a Catholic President, with seemingly no ill effects, our senses are being dulled a bit more. We feel safe in bringing more and more Romanists into our political mainstream, until...

Well, Rome *is* still wanting the whole world, isn't it? As in Argentina, for example, in this same hemisphere and same time period. Within two months after the fall of their President Peron, a pastoral letter demands unswerving obedience to the priests, stating,

"It is a sin to assert that a Catholic has the right to act as he thinks best in civil affairs." (Daily Telegraph, November 23, 1955)

With the aura of martyrdom surrounding Kennedy, are we able to conceive just how close we came to Vatican control?

During this era, many other Catholics rise to high positions. Frank Lausche becomes governor of Ohio, David Lawrence, governor of Pennsylvania. Minnesota's new governor is Eugene McCarthy, and Edmund G. Brown wears that title in California. Former Democratic whip Mike Mansfield becomes a Senator from Montana...and so on.

Viewing the political landscape of the day leads naturally to another quick look at the Jesuits. On January 17, 1959, the Saturday Evening Post publishes an article entitled "The Pope's Commandos." I quote a portion of it for your enlightenment:

"The Jesuits! No other group of men has, down the centuries, furnished so much material for hot controversy...it is the most feared, the most suspected and the most maligned (of Rome's orders)...the very name 'Jesuit' originated as a defamation, implying a great show of sanctimony...its membership has doubled since the first World War... of the world's 34,000 Jesuits, no fewer than 7,500 are Americans...in the U.S., the Jesuits are looked upon as one of the most active and most influential elements within the Catholic community. Education, houses of retreat, parish churches, periodicals, an FM radio station, TV station, Sacred Heart Program, for examples. Loyola ordained a form of government closely resembling an absolute monarchy...a meeting which lasted from September

6 to September 11, 1957, (was addressed by Pope Pius XII, who) warned Jesuits not to substitute for obedience a certain democratic equality in accordance with which a subject would argue with his superior until they had arrived at a solution pleasing to them both. 'May there be no room among you for that prideful spirit of free investigation,' he warned. Ignatius, in the order's constitution, orders the brethren to obey 'as if they were a dead body which suffers itself to be borne to any place and to be treated in any manner whatever.' "

You must decide how much this matches up to the teachings of Jesus. For me, my fears of the Jesuit/Catholic threat were not calmed by reading the Post. Like the Japanese pilots who died with their plane for the joy of killing the enemy, like the Middle Eastern Muslim who declares Holy War on all that disagree, the Jesuit is willing to do whatever it takes to advance his cause. His cause, you know, is the Pope's cause, world domination by Rome.

Christians must similarly be willing to die for their cause. And their cause is creating a *spiritual* Kingdom under King Jesus, which will pose *absolutely no threat* to the governments of this world until the King Himself returns to "flesh out" what we have experienced all along in the Holy Ghost. Those who are working for a material Kingdom now, hoping that something "spiritual" will come of it, are out of order. But I probably said that already.

Now to the 60's. The decade that *all modern Catholics* point to when trying to prove to you that they have indeed changed, and are not to be feared anymore. In fact, they say, because of what happened in the 60's, you should lay your weapons down, come back to the fold, and enjoy the great peace that God wants for His people. Because of what happened in the 60's, we Christians can *dialogue*, get to know one another. Not only that, we need to call in the other religions and let them in our midst. After all, wasn't Jesus a friend of sinners? Ultimately, what happened in the 60's, they say, will bring about the unity Jesus prayed for. A world-wide unity where doctrine will not be an issue, but only God and love and joy and...

Hold on! Exactly *what happened in the 60's?*

### **SIXTY-FIVE: VATICAN TWO**

Far more grim a perspective than one more nation having Catholic rule is what may have been the beginning of total world control at the Vatican Council of the 60's. To introduce you to that meeting, I give this clip from the Random House Encyclopedia, p. 2653:

"Vatican Council, Second (1962-65). 21st ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church under Popes John XXIII and Paul VI. Designed to reform and revitalize the Church, the Council redefined the duties of bishops, the relationships of the Catholic to other churches, and the nature of the priesthood and the mass. It condemned anti-Semitism while calling for Christian reunion."

Whoa now! The *changeless church* is changing? A thousand questions come. What about re-defining the duties, positions, and authority of the **Pope**? How is it that Rome's relationship to the churches can change **now**? Was the reformation wrong, or not? What of Bishop Sheen's warnings? Can the mass really be "redefined" at this late date? Is there really to be no more anti-Jewish policy in Rome, including a hands-off policy in the land of Israel? If Christians are being called to reunite, what will be the basis for that unity, and what the price?

A person growing up after Vatican II must see the things I have recorded in this book up until now as pure nonsense plus paranoia, or perhaps as ancient history not to be confused with the *real* Catholicism, espoused today. Others will see this as "hate literature."

I certainly understand these criticisms, and am even tempted to agree. Things are suddenly *so different* in Rome!

Oh the head spins with confusion! Will the *real* Roman church please speak? 1600 years of repression, 400 years of Protestant-bashing, and now you tell us no discrimination is to be tolerated! You say we are simply different, but we can get along? That really our marriage need not end in divorce after all?

For nearly 30 years, this indeed is the message coming out of Rome, though you can read between the lines and realize that Rome will accept those parts of non-Catholicism *which are Catholic*, and continue to repudiate the rest.

DeRosa (op. cit., p.21) describes the radical change which concerns the Catholic teaching, "There is no salvation outside the church."

"It was first formulated to exclude all the unbaptized, such as Jews and unbelievers. Even babies born of Christians who died before baptism were said to be excluded from Heaven. Today, John Paul still teaches there is no salvation outside the church but 'church' and 'salvation' are so widely interpreted that all people of goodwill, even atheists, can be saved. This linguistic trick stops Catholics seeing that traditional teaching has been *reversed*. To admit change would expose too much of the past as a bad dream...the Catholic Church refuses to admit she has changed in essentials, even when she has improved."

His further opinion is that

"almost every document of Vatican II would have been condemned as heretical by Vatican I..."

In reference to the about face on the Jewish question, he quotes John XXIII, opener of the Council in his prayer of repentance:(p.5)

"The mark of Cain is stamped upon our foreheads. Across the centuries, our brother Abel has lain in blood which we drew, and shed tears we caused by forgetting Thy love. Forgive us, Lord, for the curse we falsely attributed to their name as Jews. Forgive us for crucifying Thee a second time in their

flesh. For we knew not what we did."

For less than 2% of her existence as a body (if we look to Constantine as her first head) she gives to the world a message of peace, trying to make us forget the 98%.

She has all but silenced the great men of God throughout the world, who fear to come against one speaking such peaceable things. All but forgotten are the warnings of the great Reformers, the messages regarding Rome by giants of the faith from the Middle Ages until Vatican II. Check the "Christian" air waves, and you will find that the prince of the power of the air still controls there. You can speak about the cults, and sins of most any sort, but speak a word against the Babylonian mistress, and trouble ensues.

John, you knew not what you did. We know not what you are doing now, but it seems to be working.

To compound the problem of confusion created by this conciliatory tactic of the Enemy, along comes a movement pounced upon by Rome with all the excitement of a starving feline.

### **SIXTY-SIX: THE CHARISMATICS**

The charismatics descend from Pentecostalism, which I believe to be a genuine outpouring of God's Spirit on hungry hearts secretly searching for more of God. I believe there was a sovereign work of God here and throughout the world. I believe, further, though, that the experience gave rise to problems, just as the first outpouring of the Holy Ghost did:

First there were and are unscrupulous men who take advantage of God's people when they are in a heightened state of spiritual emotion. Let us put the judgment where it belongs here, on the unscrupulous men, and not on the spiritual emotion.

Second, the experience God gives to refresh is often interpreted by babies to mean an authorization of all personally held credos. The big Divine "O.K."

Thus hungry Roman Catholics, suddenly exposed to life-giving words from God, and even a surge of Holy Ghost power, begin to believe, as they hurriedly seek counsel from a priest, that God is ratifying their doctrine and position. It is God's joy to meet a man where he is, after all. The undiscerning, and the clergy-controlled, will tend to stay put, mouths wide open, waiting for more.

The charismatic movement among Catholics gains grudging, then much wider, approval in Rome's officialdom. Then it even becomes a part of the norm in Catholic circles. Finally the Vatican itself is forced to rubber stamp approval for the strange happenings, rather than lose hosts of people to the Protestants. Many, of course, leave anyway.

But many do not leave. And with the full approval of Rome-Babylon, which has always majored in confusion, they speak in tongues and go to Mass. They prophesy and praise Mary. They receive revelations, but honor the Pope as their grand revealer and head of the church.

Much has been gained by this particular political move of Rome. The Catholic organization is now seen as a safe haven for *Protestant* charismatics too. Sure, a Protestant will still feel ill at ease at a May-crowning procession, but he is made to understand that there is "something for everyone" in Rome. Maybe you can't pray to Mary yet, maybe Purgatory is

still outside your theology, but we *do* have common ground in this *tongues* thing. Come home to Rome, whence we all came.

It's a tough argument to overcome for many. I will document this in various ways later.

Vatican II and the charismatic renewal (as used by the unscrupulous and unwise) create a new atmosphere in Christianity. *Pro-Roman* (as opposed to obsolete *anti-Protestant*) propaganda has people saying that, due to Vatican II, the Reformation is lessened in importance. The breakaway was a phenomenon of that past day from which we can learn, and then move on to greater things.

A "good Lutheran" is heard to say,

"...joint worship services have been held in which it would be difficult for any Christian to find anything false or wrong."

In the same book he calls Rome, "A mother church in Christendom." He is unquestionably correct, according to John's Revelation. And he says,

"The church of Rome undoubtedly has a direct and unbroken contact with Jesus Christ, His Word, and His holy apostles." And, "The Roman Catholic Church administers Christian baptism...She reveres the Holy Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God." (Vatican II, Renewal or Reform, Manz)

Uh, I don't think so. I shall speak of those issues in my own story, later.

The "Spirit-filled Catholic." Quite a combination of images. And what happens if that Catholic just happens to be a *priest*?

Tom Forrest is such a one. I quote him here, speaking at a Charismatic Conference in the early 90's, Indianapolis.

"Every born again charismatic must join a Catholic parish, for this is the church, the true body of Christ...The Catholic church is the only body of Christ...Catholics have the living Christ every week. They partake of the literal body of Christ and the priest partakes of the literal blood of Christ...I believe in purgatory; thank God for purgatory. If there were no purgatory, I would not go to heaven...When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are led into the true church, the Roman church...You do not invite folk just to become Christians, but to become Catholics...we are saved by the sacraments of Consecration and become Christians...the priest can still forgive sins...no need to go to Christ...the Roman priest can forgive sins...Mary is praying for us till she sees us in glory..."

Depressing, isn't it? I mean, assuming you love the Scriptures and have a personal relation to Jesus based on His Word. Did the Spirit of God speak those things through him? Why then did not that same Spirit speak those same things through the foundation-stones of the church, the apostles?

In the area of evangelism, most leading missionologists, so as not to offend Rome, do not include Catholic- dominated countries in their lists of unreached peoples. Thus Catholic Spain is considered evangelized. In the rush to Muslim lands - and thank God for that! -

there is a by-passing of Papal territories.

Evangelism, Catholic style, is explained in this article borrowed from the New Age Bulletin, no. 24, vol. III, Dec. 1990. Once more Tom Forrest is at center stage.

- "The Roman Catholic program ' Evangelization 2000' is one of the groups spearheading world evangelization by the year 2000 A.D. 'Father' Tom Forrest, at a training session, spoke about the Roman Catholic Institution's program to evangelize the world...
- " ' I am going to start off this morning with an announcement...I am not only a Christian; I am a Catholic. I have been a Catholic for 63 years and I just love being a Catholic (applause).
- " ' Now because I love being a Catholic, my job, my role, our role in evangelization is not just to make Christians. Our job is to make people as richly and as fully Christians as we can make them by bringing them into the Catholic Church.'
- " He then quotes Paul VI: ' The commitment of someone newly evangelized cannot remain abstract and left without flesh. It must be given concrete and visible form through entry into...the church, our visible sacrament of salvation...we have to be evangelizing into the church (applause)...why should this be so important? ...first of all, there are 7 sacraments, and the Catholic Church has all 7 (applause). And we can add to this the full deposit of faith, protected and perfected in its expression by 2000 years of tradition...
- " ' As Catholics we have Mary (applause). And that MOM of ours, Queen of Paradise, is praying for us...We have purgatory. It's the only way to go...If you don't get it all done here, that's where you leave it behind, in Purgatory. Thank God, we know that!(applause)...Our job is to use this remaining decade evangelizing everyone we can into the Catholic Church, into the Body of Christ, and into the third millennium of Catholic history. It will be the greatest if you do your job in Christ. Amen. Hallelujah! Praise God! . ' "

My heart is sick at such statements. The errors are obvious. Oh may we stop following everyone who has a glib"Hallelujah" or"Praise the Lord" on his lips! And when a man says he is filled with the Holy Ghost, let us be discerning enough to examine his fruit, both in life and doctrine.

### ***SIXTY-SEVEN: THE LAST POPES***

At the end of the Old Testament is Malachi. In these last days of the Roman Church, there is Malachi Martin, aggressive "prophet" to the Catholic people, former Jesuit professor, one who served with John XXIII. Comments from his book, The Decline and Fall of the Roman Church, are revealing, though I am told that Martin needs to be listened to with discernment. In speaking of the lessening Roman membership in these days he says:

- "There appears to be no reasonable hope that this decline can be arrested...what form Roman Catholicism will take - its religious spirit and faith will not die, nor a successor to St. Peter's Throne ever lack -is one of the tantalizing enigmas we moderns will not live to see solved."

Oh I don't know, Malachi. Keep your eyes open. Keys to the mystery are everywhere.

In speaking of John XXIII he says that his appeal was universal. He wanted contacts with all men. He believed that people intuitively eventually do the right thing... he later came to reject the idea of a personal Devil and original sin...This was the father of Vatican II.

He relates that John's successor, Paul VI, talked about the *people* of God, not the *kingdom* idea which so threatened people -rightly so - who knew of Rome's evil history. This same Paul, Malachi says, was used by leftist powers in Latin countries, and seemed to be unable to rein in his bishops that were Marxist leaning. He implies that Paul did not do much in the way of protesting unnatural persecution of believers in Communist countries.

So the next Pope, he says, was determined to restore the *old* ways of Rome:

"By any measures at our disposal the influence of this Pope and his Vatican exceeds that of most middle class powers in the world today (e.g., France, Germany) and it modifies - sometimes offsets, even upsets, the policies and influences of the two superpowers...even the Communist Politburo in Peking is beginning to feel his influence and the need to be in contact with him (Pope John Paul II)."

Malachi also talks about one who finally will "dominate"...the ultimate dictator, the man of Destiny... This man seems to know a lot of important things.

Is Rome declining? Quite possible. It seems as though Satan, since Vatican II, has been "regrouping," backing off awhile. In the formation process, though, is a greater than ever world religion, still based in Rome, still identifiable as Babylon the Great. I believe the *unchanging church* will continue to evolve, adding elements that will at once disgust believers and amaze the world. But the world will buy those elements. Add to all of this, rising Europe, and you can begin to see the awesome spectacle viewed by John the Revelator on the isle of Patmos. We are about to see it *in our day!*

### **SIXTY-EIGHT: DECEIVING THE VERY ELECT**

The history of Babylon, though sketchy, is mostly before you. But I would be amiss to leave out some recent elements, things which show the fruit of Vatican II in scarier terms. The post-Vatican II world of Babylon is becoming quite confusing.

*Within* Rome are a myriad of confused voices. Perhaps this is a good time to conclude the "Mary" thread by returning to Samples (op.cit., pp 100 ff) and telling with him the story of

Medjugorje. That's a small town in present-day Yugoslavia, where a record-setting series of "apparitions" are occurring, or so it is reported.

The story begins in 1981, when, once again, *young people* who have no particular longing for God, who in fact are going out to a hillside for a smoke, suddenly encounter a "presence."

Why has she come, this ghostly but real "blessed Virgin Mary"?

"I wish to be with you to convert and to reconcile the whole world."

She says some traditional Catholic prayers with them, and leaves them with the admonition to find peace with God, and promote peace among men. Right away we know something is wrong, as God's peace is only promised for His own, and for the rest is promised a sword, and eventual judgment.

The visions continue, and the Communist government then ruling the land reminds the would be vision-seers that religious services are not allowed outside; the Communists needed to control religion in their regime. Seems that "Mary" would have known that from the beginning. But she, and they, all comply, and the meeting is taken indoors.

Over the weeks and months the children are visited by not only Mary, but "various angels, Jesus, the devil, and certain relatives who have died." They have also seen heaven, purgatory, and hell. By the early 90's 2,500 appearances have been reported, carrying over 1,000 messages!

But we've got some problems here:

- 1) only the young people see the visions. The "proof" of their veracity is said to be the accompanying miracles, and changed lives. People clean up their act when they are that close to the next world.
- 2) "Mary" commands things Jesus never commanded: the Rosary is to be prayed, for example.
- 3) Many claim to have witnessed the accompanying "miracle of the sun," but frequently those looking at the sun for such a miracle are gifted instead with serious eye damage.
- 4) Even Rome will not say the visions are of God, but neither does she deny access to the site.
- 5) The Roman bishop located in the area claims that the children have been caught in pure fabrications when cross-examined about these miracles. He is caught up in a struggle with other bishops, and the local Franciscans, who swear these miracles are real.
- 6) Speaking of those fabrications, at first the visionaries reported that Mary was to appear three more times. This obviously changed. First there were five "secrets", now ten.
- 7) Doctrinal problem: The woman of Yugoslavia is now stating categorically that "all religions are good before God."
- 8) In Deuteronomy 18, God condemns necromancy, contacting the dead. In Yugoslavia, a dead mother appears to one of the children.
- 9) Horror of horrors for the Vatican, "Mary" has come against their list of banned books. In 1947 Maria Valtorta published Poem of the God Man, a supposed "special revelation" about the life of Jesus which by Catholic *or* Protestant standards, is bad theology, bad history, and so on.  
Unknown to the vision-worshippers, Pope John XXIII in 1959 placed this book on the Vatican Index of Forbidden Books. No Catholic is to read it! But one of the "special" young people, Vicka, says to Ken Samples in an interview:

"Marija asked the Virgin about that book, and the Virgin said that she should read that book, because it is like a poem between God and man."

As I was saying, within Rome are a myriad of confused voices.

But they unite at least in submitting to the Pope's authority. The rest is negotiable. *Outside* Rome there are still many voices which must be harmonized and caused to sing, somehow, in unison with the Eternal City. The woman on the beast is a whore, and must have relationships with all who become in any way powerful on earth.

Those who wield such power include well-known religious figures, even those we number among the redeemed.

The Bible is clear about "touching God's anointed," which, in Biblical context, means *all* the people of God, not those "in power" (an expression which, I believe, chills God's heart, and a concept I will deal with later). So we must enter the following ground with tears and an awe-inspired fear, the very fear of God. Away with the spirit of judgment, the delight which some seem to have in shooting down those above them.

But away also with cowardice. It is not a time to be silent. So much is at stake. Those mature enough to read this information must join others who are on their faces before God on behalf of God's special servants.

As a boy growing up in Columbus, Ohio, I had several heroes, as young boys will. Perhaps the man who meant more to me than any at this time was Billy Graham. I listened faithfully to WLW's broadcast every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. of the "Hour of Decision." I sent for his sermons, and went out to the woods preaching them to the trees! Later in life a Billy Graham film brought me to full repentance, and another filled me with a great desire to help suffering Christians. I do not, will not, speak lightly of the man who has preached the Gospel to more people than *any man in the church's history*.

Many were concerned, though, when they learned that he had been pushed by the Hearst newspaper chain, run by a Roman Catholic. It stung even more to see Billy accepting an honorary degree from a Catholic university, and to see pictures of him preaching in Catholic churches, knowing that the people thus won would be taken in by Rome. Hearing of his denial of the Communist persecution in Russia, so as to have the freedom to preach there, was also disturbing.

But, lovers of this man, as most of us have been, were willing to overlook what perhaps were "indiscretions," a term we use to cover multitudes of sins. Perhaps rightly so.

But I ask you to study carefully the following statements of the man, and see for yourself whether in fact he has been towed into Rome's orbit, and will in fact be instrumental in calling millions back to Papa before it is over.

My excerpts are from the Rock, April, 1989 (not to be confused with Keating's publication of a similar title, a Roman Catholic work). First there is shown a 50's picture of Graham being banned by the Catholic Church for its faithful in Australia. But from Brisbane to the late 80's, one can trace a progressive evolution in the Doctor's thinking:

In 1952:

"Many of the people who reach a decision for Christ at our meetings have joined the Catholic Church."

1957:

"Even if the penitents are non-Protestants they are referred to the church of their

choice...anyone who makes a decision at our meeting is seen later and referred to a local clergyman, Protestant, Catholic, *or Jewish*...(emphasis mine)

1963:

"I admire Pope John tremendously. I felt he brought a new era to the world."

1966:

"I find myself closer to Catholics than the radical Protestants. I think the Roman Catholic Church is going through a second Reformation."

1967:

(upon receiving an honorary degree by the Roman Catholics at Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina) "The gospel that built this school and the gospel that brings me here tonight is still the way of salvation."

1973:

Billy recommends Roman Catholic literature in his "Key '73" Crusade. One book: a biography of the Pope containing hundreds of pages of devotion to Mary, the Saints, worship of the wafer at the mass and trust in the sacraments for Salvation. He advertised this book as a "classic in devotion."

1978:

"I've found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of orthodox Roman Catholics...we only differ on some matters of later church tradition."

1981:

(upon the death of Cardinal Fulton Sheen) "A great loss to the nation and both the Catholic and Protestant churches...I mourn his death and look forward to our re-union in Heaven." (But the Cardinal considered Protestants the enemy, even the cause of World War II, as God's judgment was poured out on a Catholic-rejecting world.)

1982:

(the words of the archdiocesan coordinator for a New England Crusade:) "The Crusade's purpose is not proselyting - or sheep stealing - 100 priests, religious, and laity are being trained to facilitate the full reconciliation to the Church of those men and women who will have been moved by Dr. Graham's preaching." (For example, Weston, Massachusetts, June 9 of this year, 2,100 inquirers given to priests and nuns.)

From 1983 to the present there has been a continuous, and growing, co-operation between Dr. Billy Graham and the church of Rome, the governmental system of which we have been identifying in this book as the present-day manifestation of Satan's religious counterfeit of the true Church of Jesus.

More pain in the pit of the stomach. More prayer. More seeking God with the whole heart to make our calling and election sure. Oh, are you saved? Can you feel even now the tug of the Holy Spirit, calling you out?

There simply is no man, no organization, no human government, that we can trust. In these confused times, only God's Word will keep us.

### **SIXTY-NINE: MORE DECEPTION**

Jesus made it clear to us that only a few, comparatively speaking, will find the Way through the Satanic confusion of this world, and yes, the religious system that binds it. Still, most believers can spot the Enemy when he is "out there." But when he is standing next to you, hands lifted in praise, reciting Bible verses, personal discerners need to be turned up.

Yes, and when he's internationally known, and on prime time T.V., or on your local "Christian" station...

Consider Kenneth Copeland, dearly beloved of many, for feeding good and godly things to many, myself included. He has become one in whom many trust. Many just plain *enjoy* Kenneth Copeland. What do you do when this dynamic, powerful man utters a "prophecy" purporting to be from the Holy Ghost, which states in part that Jesus *never claimed to be God?*

Easy. You say, "bye-bye, Ken," you curse the lying spirit, you get on your knees praying for him, then for yourself. You hope that *finally* you have learned your lesson.

Yes, reader. Those words came from his mouth. And just for the record, Jesus IS God, and claimed it often. "Before Abraham was, I AM." "I and My Father are one." "He that has seen Me has seen the Father." "I am the good shepherd." (but see Psalm 23:1)

Stranger words than Copeland's come from men we thought were from God. We thought wrongly. Perhaps confused Christians need to turn off the T.V. altogether and seek the face of God.

I recently heard the name "Moody" ( as in *Moody Bible Institute, Moody Radio, Moody Monthly*) called *a name you can trust*. Wrong. With all due respect to the great man of God Dwight L. Moody, there is NO other name given among men that is to be trusted but the name JESUS. Compared to him, all men are liars.

But confusion is what will eventually bring all religions back to Rome. Eventually all will see that their particular "brand" of Christianity is a dead-end street that is only evolving back whence it and all religions originate. Why be a part of a *dead-end*, they will say, when you can be on Broad-Way, the source of which avenue is the City of Babylon.

Now, the people that know their God, they will be a different story. Neither the mother of abominations nor any of her daughters will appeal to them, and they will not be satisfied until God Himself has spoken every word of truth to them personally through the Spirit-inspired Scriptures.

### **SEVENTY: ON SPEAKING OUT**

The Rock magazine from which I quoted earlier, March of 1990, addresses a question that may have entered your mind by now: Is it right to judge, to expose error, to name names? I give you their solidly Biblically-based answer:

"...Those who are faithful in exposing error...are now being widely denounced and are accused of being unloving and unkind...one of the most misused verses in the Bible is 'Judge not...' (Matthew 7) In vs. 2-5 of this same chapter it is evident that v.1 is referring to hypocritical judgment...you cannot judge another for sin if you are guilty of the same sin..."

- "You shall know them by their fruits...False teachers are free to spread their poisonous doctrines today because there is a conspiracy of silence among many Bible believers. Wolves in sheep's clothing are thus enabled to ravage the flock...
- "John the Baptist called the Pharisees...a generation of vipers...(so did Jesus)
- "Standing face to face with these false teachers, Jesus called them hypocrites, blind guides, whited sepulchres, and serpents...
- "In our day these false teachers have come into the churches with their books, literature, movies, psychology, and seminars, and have turned the father's house into a den of thieves. It is time that men of God stood up and expose their errors for all to see.
- " 'Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits...because many false prophets are gone out into the world.'(John)
- " 'Mark them, and avoid them...' (Paul to the Romans)
- " 'Rebuke them.' (Paul to Titus)
- " 'Have no fellowship with them.' (Paul to the Ephesians)
- " 'Withdraw from them.' (Paul to the Thessalonians)
- " 'Reject them'. (Paul to Titus)
- "Paul named Peter publicly, and he named Demas...and Hymenaeus and Alexander...John named Diotrephes...
- "Yes, it is right to expose error and to name those who are in error. It is right to earnestly contend for the faith...faithful messengers will warn the sheep of these heretics, and identify them by name. It is not enough to broadly hint of their identity, for the young lambs will not understand and will be destroyed by the wolves."

Over-zealous "judges" can of course take this teaching too far. But with all that is false in the church today, a good house-cleaning SOON won't hurt a thing, and the *fear of God* will return to our midst, as when God had to, Himself, remove the *first* liars from the church!

### **SEVENTY-ONE: BABYLON-ROME TODAY (the 1990's)**

One-fifth of the world's peoples are today technically under Rome's sway. But many more than that are influenced by the Vatican. Official representatives in the form of *nuncios* and/or delegates are sent to over 140 of the world's nations. Rome is united to the UN, the Council of Europe, the Organization of American States. There is even representation in the body known as the *European Community*, which should prove an interesting amalgamation someday soon.

Other governmental organizations linked to the Vatican include the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunications Union, International Organization of Telecommunication via Satellite, to name only a few. A long list of non-governmental but nonetheless international groups has likewise been touched by Rome. Power is still a major thrust of the group we are studying.

The United States is involved in all of this, and has been since 1984, when diplomatic

relations re-opened. The representative of the Pope to the United States Church is Archbishop Cacciavillan. The representative of the United States to Vatican City is Thomas P. Melady.

Worldwide, political liaisons are represented by diplomats in about 125 nations of the world. (all stats so far from Catholic Almanac, 1992)

Fifty-eight nations and territories have 50% or more of their population safely in the Catholic fold. One hundred six more range from 1% to 50%. (Operation World, Johnstone)

Sounds like a powerful kingdom, though you would not think so while visiting Vatican City, which is a total of 108 acres! Included on this small plot is a palace, a radio station, a separate post office, a separate bank. The Catholic Almanac adds: "The city is an absolutely neutral state and enjoys all the rights and privileges of a sovereign power."

Yep. That's the Vatican. A sovereign power. An Empire, if you will. Or even if you won't, if "empire" means, as Webster says it does, "an extensive social or economic organization under the control of a single person." The Roman Empire lives. Crippled and cut down in many ways, but still hoping for her day in the sun when the power she had in the days of the Caesars and the Hapsburgs returns.

Are the other threads still visible today? Can we still trace her as Babylon's legitimate descendant?

1) She finally admits to abuses against Jews. She still is opposed to Israel's claims in the Middle East granting diplomatic relations while courting Arab purposes. Let the world take note that it was Arafat who *first* appeared with the Pope.

2) Her teachings are worse than when we first tuned in. She has added many dogmas, though calling herself unchanging. She has in fact passed the Jews in her canonization of rules to be inflicted on the people of God. It was the traditions of men, not the rules of God given to Moses that was weighing God's people down in Jesus' day. The 1700 plus canons of the Catholic Code of Canon Law, most of them totally unfounded from a Scriptural perspective, make for some very difficult reading, and even more difficult living. Allow me to quote a few of them here, contrasted to relevant Scriptures:

Canon 849: "Baptism, the gate to the sacraments, necessary for salvation in fact or at least in intention, by which men and women are freed from their sins, are reborn as children of God and, configured to Christ..."

Paul, Galatians 3:26: "You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." I am aware that Rome teaches "faith," but this statement of the Canon is not unrepresentative of her belief that baptism is *the* entrance requirement. Since it is administered to infants, personal faith and repentance are not considered as vital as this outward act. (see also Canon 204.)

Canon 204, paragraph 2: "This Church... subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him."

Jesus, Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Canon 246. "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, including the rosary....are to be

fostered so that the (Seminary) students acquire a spirit of prayer and gain strength in their vocation."

Jesus, Matthew 6:5-13: "When you pray, pray to your Father who is in secret."

The Father, Exodus 20:1-5: "You shall have no other gods before me...you shall not bow down to them nor serve them...I the Lord your God am a jealous God..."

Canon 247. "The students are to be preserved through suitable education to observe the state of celibacy, and they are also to learn to honor it as a special gift from God."

Paul, I Corinthians 7: "I wish that all men were even as myself...but each one has his own gift from God...It is good for a man not to touch a woman...nevertheless because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife..."

and in I Timothy 3, the bishop/elder is told he must be the "husband of one wife."  
Marriage is a *requirement* for permanent leaders of churches!

Note the subtle difference between the Canon and the Scripture: Seminarians must come by *education* into the celibate state. True celibates know from *God* what their gift is.

Canon 252. "The students are to be taught Sacred Scripture...dogmatic theology...with St. Thomas as their teacher in a special way..."

John, I John 2:27: "The anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you..."

The Holy Ghost is our teacher. The office of teacher in the Body is only to be a passing on of the truths of the Holy Spirit. Let no man teach his own theories, opinions, or philosophies!

Canon 331. "The bishop of the Church of Rome...the Vicar of Christ and Pastor of the Universal Church on earth, enjoys supreme, full, immediate and universal ordinary power in the Church..."

Peter, I Peter 2:25: "...you have now returned to *the Pastor and Bishop* of your souls," (Jesus)

and Paul, Colossians 1:18: "He is the head of the body, the church...that in all things He may have the preeminence."

Canon 528. "The pastor is to see to it that the Most Holy Eucharist is the center of the parish assembly of the faithful."

Luke, Acts 2:42: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." No centrality established.

Canon 834. "...the sacred liturgy ..is indeed the exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ..."

The writer of Hebrews, 2:17: as a priest, he "made propitiation for the sins of the

people." As a priest, he "sympathizes with our weaknesses "(4:15) As a priest, he "makes intercession for them." (7:25) As a priest, he does *not* need daily to offer up sacrifices, since he has done it **once for all. (7:27)** If this priest were on earth (and he is not -ever!), he would not be a priest, for his priesthood is the true heavenly one, not the one made by man! (8:4-6)  
Would that I could find a Scripture to mention the priesthood of Jesus in a *liturgy*, but such does not exist. So let God's silence be argument enough.

Canon 835. "...bishops...are high priests."  
Again Hebrews 3:1. Jesus is our high priest. By definition, there can only be one.

Canon 842. "One who has not received baptism cannot be validly admitted to the other sacraments."

Luke, Acts 2:47. "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have *received the Holy Spirit*." What, "confirmation" before baptism? Yes, God does as He pleases, canons notwithstanding.

Canon 849. "Baptism, ...by which men and women are freed from their sins, are reborn as children of God...is validly conferred only...with the required form of words."

Luke, Acts 16:31 ff. In the first place, it was belief in Jesus that saved the Philippian jailor, according to Paul. And no words were spoken. In Acts 2 no words are mentioned. In Acts 10 they were baptized in the name of the Lord. In Acts 19, they were baptized in the name of Jesus. Jesus said to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Guess what! There is no form of words. If so, many Biblical candidates were misled!

Canon 851. "It is necessary that the celebration of baptism be properly prepared."  
(as in catechism)

Luke, Acts 16:31 ff: "And he took them the same hour of the night ...and immediately he and all his family were baptized."

Canon 867. "Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth..."

Jesus, Mark 16:16: "He that *believes* and is baptized shall be saved."

Peter, Acts 2:38, "*Repent* and be baptized for the remission of sins."

Canon 880. "The sacrament of confirmation (the Holy Ghost empowerment) is conferred through anointing with chrism on the forehead...the imposition of the hand...and through the words prescribed in the approved liturgical books."

Luke, Acts 10. "While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell..." Acts 19: "When Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them."

Canon 965. "Only a priest is the minister of the sacrament of penance."

James, James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

John, I John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..."

Canon 1003. "...only a priest validly administers the anointing of the sick."

Jesus, Mark 16:16 ff: " He who believes and is baptized will be saved...these signs shall follow those who believe...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Canon 1186. "...the Blessed Mary...Christ established as the Mother of the human race..."

Paul, Galatians 4:26 : "...but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all." Jesus' mother is Jesus' mother. The church's mother is spiritual Israel, and the mother of natural humans is the wife of the father of the human race, Eve.

Canon 1188. "The practice of displaying sacred images in the churches for the veneration of the faithful is to remain in force..."

God the Father, Exodus 20:4: "You shall not make for yourself any carved image...you shall not bow down to them..." Clear, don't you think?

Canon 1214. "The term church signifies a sacred building destined for divine worship..."

Paul, Ephesians 1:24: "...for the sake of *His body, which is the church.*"

Canon 1246. "Sunday is the day...to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the Universal Church. Also to be observed are Christmas, the Epiphany, the Ascension and Corpus Christi, Holy Mary Mother of God and her Immaculate Conception and Assumption, Saint Joseph, the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul, and finally, All Saints."

Luke, Acts 2:46:"...so, continuing *daily* with one accord..., breaking bread from house to house...praising God..." Paul, Galatians 4:10-11: "...after you have known God...how is it that you return to the weak and beggarly elements to which you desire again to be in bondage? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you..."

And so on and on it goes through penalties and processes and doctrines of men. I ask you, how did we get from 10 commandments of Moses to 1752 canons of Rome? How did we go from "Thus saith the Lord," to "Thus saith man" ? How from a clear presentation of truth by an apostle or prophet to a muddled misrepresentation, extension, and ultimately a denial of the original word? *That*, as Tevye says, *I can tell you in one word: Tradition!* But one greater than Tevye is here. He speaks to us in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 15. "For

God said," "but you say." If the above documentation is not sufficient, I challenge my readers to purchase the Code, and read through it. One will find outright denials of Scripture, as above, and teachings that are so obviously missing in the Holy Book as to cause one grief. It is not a pleasant study. But that book, more than any one available, including the Bible, *is the norm of all Catholic teaching*. Do not judge Catholicism by its agreements with Christianity, but by this *official pronouncement of the entire Roman teaching authority, Pope John Paul II being its final approver*.

Now where were we? Oh yes, showing how modern Rome is indeed the same organization that has existed from the Tower of Babel:

3) Her ceremonies, her dress, her basic appearance, though scaled down for modern consumption, are still identifiably Babylonian. Look at the Pope's hat the next time you see him on T.V., for example. Dagon, the fish god, lives.

4) Her power is as great as modern man will tolerate. She is limited by the force of human will under the hand of God, *not* by her own choices.

This article appeared on America Online, December 12, 1993, dateline, Pangasinan, the Philippines:

"In my country, the Catholic Church is a very damaging force. The church is like a branch of government, it imposes on Catholics and non-Catholics alike by forcing the government to implement Catholic policy as law..."

In Mexico, nuns are accused of aiding the feared Zapatista rebels.

Other stories filter in, but the big one is yet to come.

5) Her obvious goal continues to be world domination, not world evangelism as practiced by the true church of Jesus. To that end she will use any method available and consumable by the public: force, signs & wonders, politics.

Yes, sadly, she is as she says, *semper eadem*. She cannot and will not change. The most important question is not who *she* is, but what will *you* do about it?

Amos the prophet said, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

Three times in Scripture God says to His people, "Come out from among them ..." Come out from Old Babylon. Come out from the world dominated by Babylon. Come out from "Mystery Babylon." His comforting promise to those coming out is that He will be their God. For someone under the domination of Babylon all his life, this assurance is welcome!

In Jesus' day the Jews claimed a monopoly on religion, and to be cast out of the synagogue was a frightening prospect. Yet this was the case of one who had been born blind, healed by Jesus. He could not deny that Jesus is God, so he was thrown out. Jesus made a special effort to tell that man not to worry, that he had made the right decision.

Upon your exit from Babylon, you too will experience some fear and alienation, some loneliness. But Jesus says to you, "I'll be your God now. You'll be my own special people."

Let me suggest the following course of action:

1) Pray! Pray often. Determine that never a day will pass when you have not spent quality time with God, seeking His face about this issue.

2) If you have never called out to God for His grace, simply do so. Call out to Him until you are convinced on the basis of His Word that He has heard you. His Word says that *whosoever* (what a blessed word!) calls on Him *will be saved!*

- 3) Saturate yourself with the Scriptures, especially, in the beginning, the Gospel stories, the story of the early Church (Acts) and the book of Romans. Let praise rise as you read the Psalms. Let wisdom enter with the Proverbs of Solomon. Read the beginnings of all things from the Book of Genesis.
- 4) As you begin to understand who you are in Christ, you will begin to weep for those around you who do not experience the call of God in their lives, *because they are not seeking for it*. Pray for them, and guard yourself from any pride or bitterness.
- 5) Ask God to surround you with true believers. Slowly but surely, come out!

Hear what converted priest Richard Bennett did (tract, "From Tradition to Truth"):

"My decision to leave the security of the Roman Catholic Church was painful beyond words. I decided to trust the Lord, however, and Him alone, on the authority of His Word in the Bible. I repented of my sins, especially that of being mediator. I accepted fully and unconditionally the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on the cross."

### ***SEVENTY-TWO: QUESTION and ANSWER***

The *question* is asked brilliantly by Michael de Semlyen in his book, All Roads Lead to Rome?, published in 1991 by Dorchester House in England, and updated in 1993. I recommend the reading of this book, which traces the ecumenical movement in England, America, and elsewhere. It is a sad story which documents the emergence of a trend that is even now sweeping the world. Christians are being told to forget the differences of the past, especially the horrors of the Reformation. Rome's rise to power through the ecumenical spirit of this age is akin to that ugly horror sensed by Jews who are being told to forget the Holocaust, that in fact *it never occurred*. Relax, go with the flow, yesterday is yesterday, today is today.

One man who answers that de Semlyen question in our day seems to typify the rest. He is Scott Hahn, born and bred Protestant, even "anti-Catholic," in the best of senses. He was told the difference between what the Bible teaches and what Rome teaches. His rise to usefulness within his Presbyterian system, his marriage to an equally talented and spiritually endowed fellow-Presbyterian, his love of Jesus and His Word are all documented by him in his 1993 book, Rome Sweet Home.

As the title implies, the enticement of ecumenicity, and the logic-masters of Catholic-speak were too strong for Scott and, later, for his wife. In a much heralded move, the Hahns went "home." What a greeting they received, and are still receiving! Papa himself rolled out the scarlet carpet.

In Part VI, I will share my response to that book, which, I must say, hurt me deeply, as I recalled my own near fatal trip through that system. That also I will share in Part VI. My point now is that *many* are being swept back by the subtleties that Rome has mastered through the long centuries. Whole churches are being swayed, shaken from their once solid foundations.

You and I are caught in the middle of this modern dilemma and called upon to make a choice.

Many say Christ is about to return. Looking at Rome, the Middle East, Europe, one cannot help but feel the time is near. Satan is becoming bolder and bolder, the walls once held by the church seem to be crumbling as God's people buy more and more garbage from the world. And the world looks more and more religious. Shown on the following page are two images that should make Bible-believers stand up and take notice. A woman riding a beast was pictured in the December 9, 1991 Time Magazine. An unfinished tower (as at Babel) is an official poster of the European Community, suggesting it is time to finish what was started long ago. The hour is late!

I begin to reflect, now that I have come to the final paragraphs, on how this book began. I can honestly say that it began as the Word of God touched my heart. But, just as honestly, I relate that many *men* had a part in this narrative. Some I leaned on more than others. Some perhaps do not deserve trust. I must leave those decisions with you. I hope I have established that no man is to be trusted, including this one. But God and His apostles have not lied. The words of Scripture cannot be altered. From God's Book, and I say this in review, I find that

- 1) there is in the end time world a whorish religion riding a political beast to world power.
- 2) there has been since the days of the Grecian Empire, and shall be until the reign of Antichrist from Jerusalem, a *Roman* world power.
- 3) though "God is in control," the Kingdoms of this world are presently under Satan's domain and will only become Christ's at His coming.
- 4) the imagery of Daniel and Revelation point to the same political beast and thus the same woman attached.
- 5) the beginning history of Babylon, and its subsequent phases, are documented.

A woman riding a beast. Man building a tower. Where we began we end, with fervent desire that *many* will heed the call to "come out of her" before it is everlastingly too late.

This ends the historical section of Scarlet Threads. In the appendices you will find, **Breaking the Scarlet Threads** (my personal testimony of life within Roman circles) and **Protestant Threads** (documentation of Rome-like tendencies in non-Catholic churches). The following resources should also prove helpful.

## RESOURCES

### WARNING!!!

*I remind my readers that the authors and other information sources listed are by no means **safe**. Even much of the "Christian" material is subject to grave error. After having read Scarlet Threads, you should not be surprised at this!*

Your greatest resource for studying the plan of God and the closely-patterned plan of Satan are:

a heart burning with love for Jesus Christ  
a commitment to daily prayer, seeking His face with groanings, tears, and desire  
the written Word of the Living God that has directly descended from the prophets and apostles

I commend to you especially the books of Revelation and Daniel for beginning this study, followed closely by the book of Genesis.

After having laid such a foundation, proceed with caution to read from the following works, and to mail letters to the organizations I have listed. From these sources will flow hundreds of other avenues of investigation for the interested researcher.

Novices to this study, beware! Don't let your personal walk with God, or your daily commitments, suffer due to being "blown away" by too much at once. Keep those priorities in order. This subject is overwhelming. Let the facts settle in and take their place, but their **proper** place.

The Holy Spirit is gentle, and will speak to you specifically about your role in the conflict. We need to remember that our true Enemy is *invisible* and would like nothing more than for us to enter HIS ground by hating and fighting the *visible*.

Oh may God give us an overwhelming love and compassion for those bound in the prison of Babylon, coupled with a plan for their release!

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